

# 4 Pronunciation

Your dictionary helps you pronounce difficult words. With the following letters you can grasp how to say a word.

**ah** as in *barn, rather*

**oo** as in *moon*

**sss** sometimes used to avoid confusion with *s* pronounced as *z* e.g. to show the difference between 'close (kloh*z*) the door' and in 'a close (kloh*ss*) shave'

**th** as in *thick*

**th** as in *this*

**uu** as in *book*

**zh** as in *measure*

**y** (or, when clearer, eye)

as in *mine, item*

The part that you should stress, or emphasize, is in bold, e.g. 'albino' al-**bee**-noh.



## GETTING STARTED

Look up these words in your Oxford dictionary and write the pronunciation. Circle the part to stress. The first one is done for you.

apostrophe

\_\_\_\_\_ a:pos-**trof**-ee \_\_\_\_\_

5. kosher \_\_\_\_\_

1. boatswain \_\_\_\_\_

6. Neanderthal \_\_\_\_\_

2. chiropody \_\_\_\_\_

7. ochre \_\_\_\_\_

3. depreciate \_\_\_\_\_

8. subsidence \_\_\_\_\_

4. facial \_\_\_\_\_

9. tsetse \_\_\_\_\_



## MOVING ON

Work out the words using the pronunciation and definition. Use your dictionary to check your spelling.

WORD	PRONUNCIATION	DEFINITION
au	aw- <b>raw</b> -ra	bands of coloured light appearing in the sky at night
br	<b>br</b> onk-ee-al	to do with tubes that lead from your windpipe to your lungs
ca	ka- <b>pay</b> -shus	having a lot of space
ca	ka- <b>tass</b> -trof-ee	a sudden great disaster
de	dis- <b>id</b> -yoo-us	a tree that sheds its leaves in Autumn
ep	ip- <b>it</b> -om-ee	a person or thing that is a perfect example of something
la	<b>lak</b> -rim-al	to do with tears
ma	<b>mach</b> -oh	showing off masculine strength
me	men- <b>day</b> -shus	untruthful
un	un-ri- <b>kwy</b> -tid	love that is not returned or rewarded
ve	<b>vee</b> -im-ent	showing strong feeling